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ANP demands judicial probe into 'double murder'

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HYDERABAD, Dec 31: The Awami National Party leaders have condemned the killing of two persons allegedly by the anti-narcotic force and Rangers on Hali Road on Wednesday and demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident.

Speaking at a news conference at the local press club on Thursday, the provincial leaders also demanded that an FIR should be registered against the narcotics personnel and they should be awarded 'exemplary' punishment.

They claimed that the narcotics force and Rangers had besieged a locality near the general bus stand, resorted to shooting into the air, created harassment and killed two people who were going to offer Zohar prayer.

They pointed out that the victims, Sher Bahadur and Mohammad Aslam, were neither drug-peddlers nor any narcotic den was located in the vicinity and added that they both were shot dead at the door of the Zam Zam mosque without any provocation. The ANP leaders said that in order to hide their crime, the law enforcers had converted the cold-blooded murders into an encounter.

They also denied that arms were recovered and added that the law enforcers had barged into the house of Dawood Khan Pathan, insulted the women and taken away three licensed pistols.

They said that taking refuge behind the governor's rule, various agencies had been given licence to kill people and trespass into homes without any search warrants.

When asked whether the deceased were criminals, the ANP leaders said this was irrelevant and added that even the criminals have go to be produced before the court of law.

"However, the anti-narcotic people and Rangers have no right to perform the role of a judge and executioner," they said.

Those who addressed the news conference included provincial president of the party, Mohammad Amin Khattak, Haji Asmatullah Khan Mehsood, Sultan Mandukhel, Qamoos Gul Khattak and Aurangzeb Khan.

PML LEADER'S CLAIM: Haji Saleemuddin Khan Qaimkhani, who claims to be the chief organizer/president of the Sindh PML labour wing, told a press conference here on Thursday that he continued to be the provincial chief of the wing.

Mr Qaimkhani's assertions came after the new president, Abdul Karim Rahu, terminated the basic membership of some activists, including Mr Qaimkhani.

He said he had been appointed by the president of the wing, Syed Faqir Hussain Bukhari, and he cannot be expelled from the party.

He appealed to the party high-command to expel the PPP agents turned Muslim Leaguers.

RECONSTITUTED: The vice chancellor of Sindh University has reconstituted the department of mathematics and the computer science section.

The VC notified that under the centralization of computer teaching and utilization of computer facilities and as an economic measure, he ordered the reconstitution.